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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Frog on Arched Track Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



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An interesting early tin mechanical bank is our choice as No. 91 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. The bank is the Frog On Arched Track. One of its points of interest has to do with the fact that a penny is necessarily involved in the action and operation of the bank. Also the 1871 date of the bank adds great interest when we realize that in only eleven more years it will be 100 years old.

It is fairly accurate to assume that the Frog On Arched Track was not made over a long period of time nor in any great quantities since all factors surrounding the bank indicate this to be so. Therefore, using the patent date of 1871 to establish the age of the bank at 100 years in 1971 is logical. For comparison this could not be done on the same basis in the case of the Tammany Bank.

The Tammany was made over a long period of years and in great quantities but all specimens of the bank bear the same early patent date of December 23, 1873. However, certain minor casting changes in the name, the base plate, coin trap, and so on can be used to identify and place individual examples of the bank in fairly accurate periods and time of manufacture. These factors surrounding the Tammany Bank are of interest, however, they do not have any great meaning from a monetary standpoint since all examples of the bank sell in the same price range provided their general condition is comparable.

The Frog On Arched Track was patented December 5,

1871 by James Fallows of Philadelphia, Pa. The patent papers frequently mention and always refer to the figure as a toad, not a frog, but the bank has been known for years as the Frog On Arched Track and this name has been descriptive enough to identify it. Under the circumstances it would seem best to continue to use the established name rather than change it to the Toad On Arched Track and possibly cause confusion.

It should be noted that Mr. Fallows' patent papers were issued on the basis of an "Improvement In Toy Toads," not as a mechanical bank, toy money box, or savings device. However, since there is a receptacle that retains the coins and since it has been accepted over the years as a toy savings device, then it is probably properly classified as a mechanical bank. There are, however, known examples of toys that use a coin in their action that are not mechanical banks and had no provision for retaining the coins. These are simply toys and have no possibility of being classed as mechanical banks.

The bank shown is from the collection of Leon J. Perelman and he obtained it several years ago from an antique dealer in Sanatoga, Pa., who had found the bank in a home in the vicinity. It is completely original, in good working order, and the paint shows very little wear, particularly for a tin stencilled bank of this type and age. The entire bank with the exception of the green toad is painted a bright reddish orange color. There are stencilled designs in gold on the arched sides and the den of the toad. The patent date of the bank is also stencilled in gold. While the bank is made of heavy tin it bears mention that the toad is a brass stamping.

The bank operates as follows: The toad is placed in its den and the lid is closed (this is the canister-like section at the left end of the bank as pictured). A penny is inserted in the holder at the end of the arched track. The lid of the den is then raised manually and the toad

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works on a counter-balance principle as there is a weight within the bank which causes the toad to swing out over the track and then back over the track.

The Frog On Arched Track is a difficult bank to add to a collection, and particularly so in the condition of the one in Mr. Perelman's possession. The action is interesting, it is an early item, and only a few are known to exist in private collections.



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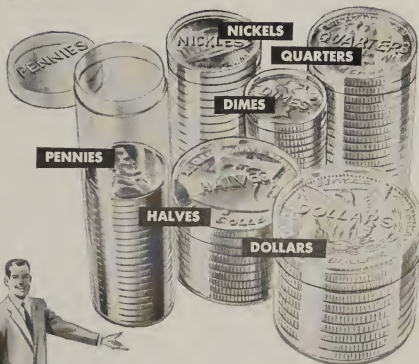
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COIN COLLECTING AND SPECULATING

By CHARLES FRENCH

Quite a furore is arising over the wild speculation that is going on in rolls, particularly the newly found varieties of 1960 cents. Many collectors are angry at the speculators and say they should not be considered coin collectors, and that their speculating should be stopped.

I do not see how it can be stopped, and if it could, why it should be. This is a free country and discrimination as to what citizens want to be interested in is up to the individual.

Some prefer to collect cents, others commemoratives. Now the fad seems to be to put away rolls of recent issues in anticipation of future needs. If this had been done half a century ago, it would have enabled the present day collector to have, in his collection, far better conditioned coins than he now can, without having it cost such high prices.

The enthusiasm of the roll collector in some instances has gone beyond reason. There are many instances where values have skyrocketed far above what they should, considering the laws of supply and demand. These will adjust themselves to their true level as time goes on.

There are many issues having such quantities of new coins put away that there would not be enough collectors to need them in their collections now. However, one must remember that, at the present rate of increase in the number of coin collectors, even the wildest estimates of future demand could become true.

It has been the policy of roll collectors to hoard these according to the quantities coined, as reported by the mints. This is a guide, but quantities put away should also be taken into consideration.

There have been some instances where almost the entire coinage has been gobbled up and put away when the coinage has been small. These, in the future could very possibly be much commoner than larger issues that had previously been neglected by the roll collectors, using mint reports as their only guide.

Profits will continue to be made by speculators, but in time there will be losses too. Speculation is not new, and, too, high prices have caused losses before. This occurred during the commemorative boom, and again in the proof set boom.

Reactions set in against a speculative series after a boom period and crash. The issues are shunned for awhile. But time heals all wounds and finally normal interest returns.

Commemoratives, the speculative "child" of the thirties, have steadily increased in interest since their downfall, and today are ardently sought. During their sharp rise, quantities of these were held by speculators. They were held by the hundreds, and even thousands of single issues.

The crash left many holding the bag with no takers. Still today even the commonest issues are two to three times the highest value they were during those times, and commemoratives are no longer held in quantities. They are well distributed among collectors.

The same thing is occurring to proof sets now. They are fast becoming distributed among collectors. Quantity holdings are dwindling. And their present rise in value is slow, sound, and healthy, being based on supply and demand not speculation.

The demand for bags or rolls of recent issues has become so great the mint and Federal Reserve are endeavoring to curb it by refusing to honor special requests for mint bags, etc. They are mixing old and new coins to discourage the bag buyer. This is hard for the buyer to understand. The mint makes a good profit on the manufacture of coins, he says, and it is to the mint's advantage and profit to supply what is wanted.

The Federal Reserve reports a great shortage of cents at the present time. Fault is laid on the large demand for sales tax uses, and on hoarding. Many numismatists feel that the facilities of the mint should be enlarged to supply what buyers need. They say the Denver mint is running full time endeavoring to supply the need of cents, but the Philadelphia mint uses much of its time at present coining coins for foreign nations. Yet only a few years ago the San Francisco mint was closed because it then was not needed.

The wild hullabaloo over the 1960 large and small dated cents has gone right out of hand. There must be hundreds of thousands of small date 1960 P cents and all in the hands of collectors. The price, now up to \$200 per roll for a coin which the mint could resume coining, is too high.

First of all, the variety, small and large date, is of such minor importance as to be unnecessary to collectors unless they specialize in minor varieties. I sincerely hope coin boards of the future do not list these individually unless they decide to list all minor varieties of all Lincoln cents.

One must remember that practically all branch mint cents since 1909 have many varieties, high mint marks, low ones, those to the left, and those to the right. If one is to collect minor varieties, then let's collect all of them, not just a few.

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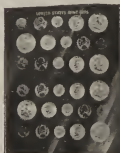


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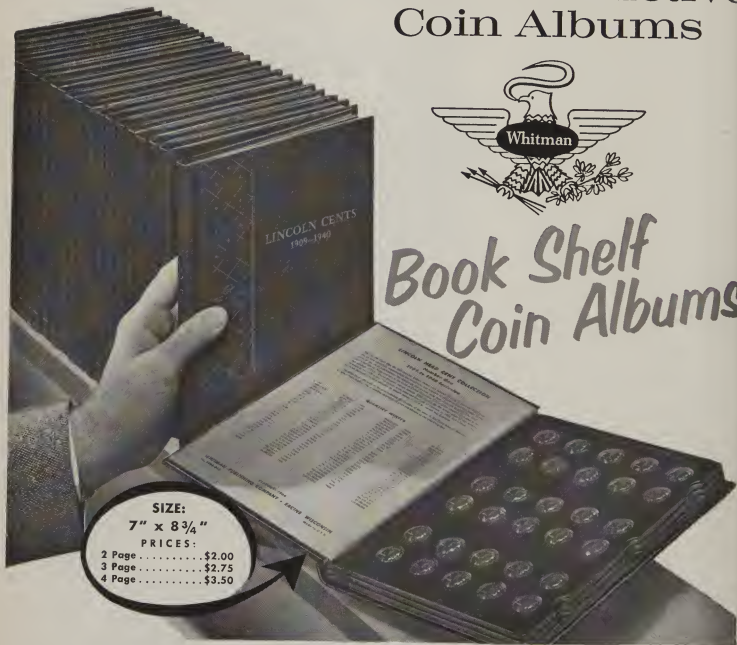
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Question:

I would like to know the approximate valuation placed upon a \$10 denomination Gold Certificate bearing Danl. Webster portrait, Series 1880. Said certificate referred to as Jackass 10 dollar bill due to appearance of eagle on reverse when viewed upside down.

—K. R., Indiana

Answer:

The government still demands that all gold coin notes be redeemed at face value. The description of the note you give, however, is not a gold coin note but a Legal tender note which is legal to own. The signatures and condition determine its value and the note catalogs from \$40 up in strictly very fine or better condition. This is the Jackass note.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like some information on this coin. Date 1727. What is its worth? Where does it come from?

—G. N., Wisconsin

Answer:

The coin you have is an "Ecu" of Louis XV of France; in good condition it retails at \$3.50.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please let me know the value of the following coins?

—G. T. H., California

Answer:

Your 1853 3 cent piece in good condition retails at \$1.00; the 1861 Indian Head cent, good, \$2.50; 1912 Liberty nickel no premium in good condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please give information concerning value of following Confederate bills. These are original engraved bills. The State of Alabama \$5.00 issued Jan., 1864. Confederate States of America \$20.00 issued at Richmond, Va., Sept. 2, 1861.

—Mrs. F. E. M., Wisconsin

Answer:

The Alabama \$5 note in fine condition retails for \$2. The Confederate \$20 of 1861 in fine condition retails at \$3.50.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me from what Nation this coin originates. It is silver. Does it have any value?

—F. M. E., California

Answer:

The coin is a thaler of Lucca, Italy, and if in fine condition worth around \$7.50.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have some old coins. 1 quarter 1899 O, extra fine; 1 quarter, 1912, good; 1 quarter, 1928, plain, extra fine. Half dollars: 1836, 50¢ on back, fine; 1854; 6—1893, plain, fine; 1—1893, little different, fine.

—I. B., Kansas

Answer:

The 1899 O quarter in extremely fine condition retails for around \$10. The 1912 good, would be hard to sell for a premium. The 1928 P also would bring little premium. 1836 half, fine, retails for \$2. 1854 fine, \$2; if the 1893 are Columbian halves they retail for \$1 each, fine. 1893 regular halves, fine, retail for around \$1. In order to be "fine" the word Liberty on the headdress must be sharp. If this does not show that way the coin is inferior to fine.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosing description of coin I found in the garden. It appears to be gold, and in poor condition, so was not able to get good rubbings. Can you tell me the denomination and value?

—Mrs. S. T. T., New Hampshire

Answer:

The coin you have is not gold but copper, and is an English penny of Victoria. The condition indicated values the coin at 5¢ retail.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Would you please tell me the value of the following coins?

—Mrs. N. H., Michigan

Answer:

Shall give you present retail selling prices of the coins you inquired about in two conditions:

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1909 S plain cent.....	6.50	9.50
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retail for \$8.50		
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1932 D quarter.....	3.00	12.50

These are worth more if in conditions better than fine.

Selling to dealers should realize you about 30% less than above prices.

—C. F., New York

Question:

One U.S. 1¢ coin 1794, true date. Sharp and lettered edge. Obverse: Pole to Cap. Reverse: Die breaks. D of United to C of cents; and A of States to O of One. Condition: fine to very fine. Value? I have not seen this year coin with lettered edge listed anywhere in any catalog or numismatic coin book.

—J. McL., Massachusetts

Answer:

From your description you have the common variety of 1794 cent. This coin catalogs at \$26 in fine condition but brings less.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I should like to have some information on the 1943 penny. I have two of which the 4 is completely missing, the 193 are distinct. Does this missing 4 on the steel penny have any value?

—J. W. B., Missouri

Answer:

I have heard of cents with the last digit missing, but not the third one. You do not tell me anything about the condition of the cents you have. It might be a light strike or wear and in that event would have no premium value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a 1768 coin. It will fit on a dime with the edge showing all around. The lettering and designs are clear and distinct, although a little worn. See pencil rubbings. I would appreciate information on this coin. It appears to be silver.

—Mrs. R. E. G., California

Answer:

Your coin is a one-half real piece of Spain made at the Mexico City mint. Retail value is about \$1.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed is a pressing of a copper coin which resembles an Indian Head cent, except the inscription "United States of America" has been replaced by 13 stars, and on the reverse is the inscription NOT ONE CENT. The dies must not have been perfectly aligned because the edges are not square, but the detail shows a high degree of craftsmanship. Who made such an unusual coin and why? Is it rare? I have not been able to find anything about it.

—J. F. O. S., New Jersey

Answer:

Your coin is a Civil War cent which is worth about 50¢. These "coins" were made during the Civil War when there was a shortage of hard cash. There are several hundred varieties.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Could you say what this coin or medal is worth? Date 1791. The words read "John Wilkinson, Ironmaster." The medal or coin is in better condition than the enclosed rubbing would show.

Answer:

The coin you have is an English merchant's token which currently retails for 50¢.

—C. W. T., Pennsylvania

Question:

What is this piece of money and value? Very fine details front and back, 1824. Very fine condition. See rubbings.

—N. W., New Hampshire

Answer:

The coin you have is a thaler of Frederick William III of Prussia. The retail value is \$1.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like to have your opinion on a 1941 Jefferson nickel. You can't tell much from the rubbing, but I think you will agree it is a rare one. There are several yellowish streaks across both faces, and what appears to be a silver streak through the full length of the word Liberty. There are also several spots on both sides as though the metal was peeling off. I would appreciate your opinion as to what caused this condition and coin's possible value.

—D. E. J., California

Answer:

I believe your nickel is most likely dated either 1943 or 1944 or 1945 the "silver" years. This flaking and discoloration on these is not too unusual. I would not consider its value as very high.

C. F., New York

Question:

I would appreciate appraisal of the following coins. Liberty Head quarters 1916-D good, 1909 excellent, 1895-S fair. Liberty Standing quarters 1926 good. Peace dollars 1923-S excellent, 1926 excellent. Morgan dollars 1889, excellent. 1900-O, 1890-O, 1891, 1883, 1878, all excellent. I have an 1890 and a 1908 English penny, both in fair condition.

—S. W. K., Maryland

Answer:

I regret to say I find none of the coins you list worth any premium in the condition shown.

C. F., New York

Question:

Here is rubbing of coin I believe to be Spanish. Wish information. Tried a rubbing of the edge but didn't come out good. Reverse of coin in center resembles slag.

—C. G., Connecticut

Answer:

You have a necessity piece of Colombia. The pencil rubbing is not very good due to the condition of the coin, however, I believe it to be the Pomegranate countermark of the Cundinamarca dollar of 1821, worth about \$10 in that condition.

C. F., New York

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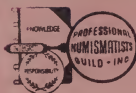
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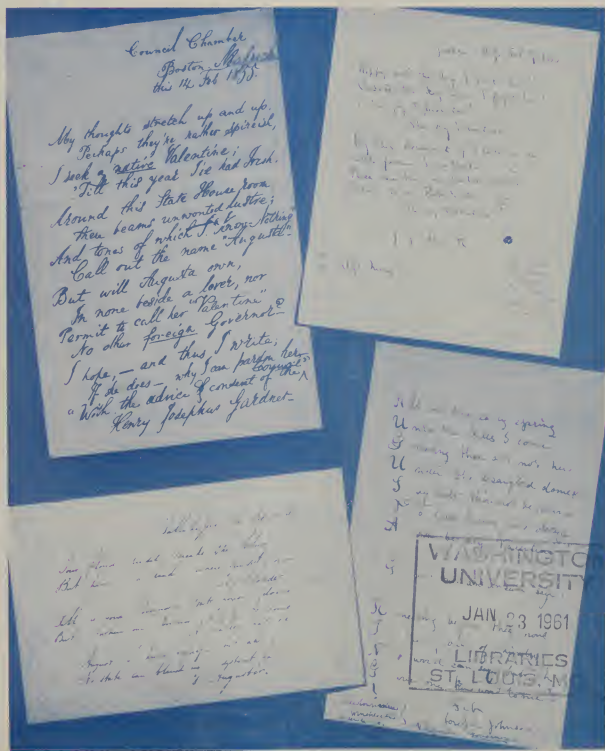
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Old Mechanical Banks

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ATLAS BANK

By F. H. GRIFFITH

One of a number of reasons for a collector's interest in mechanical banks has to do with the diversified subject matter as represented by the many different type banks. The great variety of themes and actions of the banks seems unsurpassed in any other collector's field and the originality, techniques, and ingenuity used in designing the banks resulted in an intriguing group of animated toy savings devices representing a broad assortment of subjects. If a person takes the time to seriously think about it mechanical banks comprise a unique group in the toy category and practically every mechanical bank is a unique item in itself. The numerous different actions and figures used in connection with the usually routine depositing of a coin in a bank are really almost unbelievable, particularly to those not familiar with the general subject.

Mechanical banks have one thing in common, they are all savings devices with the addition of entertaining action. This sets them apart from all other type toys and puts them completely in a class of their own. Where else in the field of collecting can one find in animated form the following:—people and children in various activities including games and sports such as baseball, football, leap frog, roller skating, and so on; all types of animals performing tricks and various other actions; buildings with action; objects such as a streetcar, camera, sewing machine, pistol, and so on; historical items representing the Civil War, Spanish-American War, North Pole, World War I, and others; political and satirical representations; religious representations; nursery rhymes and stories; circus items; and last, but not least, those with a surprise or comic motif.

As we reach No. 92 in the numerical classification

we come to a bank that well illustrates the broad subject coverage discussed here. This bank is the Atlas Bank and it depicts Atlas supporting the world on his shoulders, and certainly there is no other remotely similar bank among the other known mechanical banks. The Atlas Bank is very attractive, has good action, and the statement, 'Money Moves The World', one of the most significant appropriate statements to appear on any of the banks, appears thereon.

Very little is known as to the background of the Atlas Bank. To the best of the writer's knowledge there are no known facts as to the designer, manufacturer, or the period in which the bank was made. Extensive research in patents has been fruitless and so far there are no old catalogs or like material that would shed light on the Atlas Bank. Also nothing about the bank is characteristic of any other bank that would offer possible clues to indicate any particular designer or manufacturer. An examination of the map used on the globe of the bank offers some possibility of estimating the approximate period of the bank. Based on this it is the writer's opinion that it dates prior to 1900 and possibly in the 1880 to 1900 period.

The specimen shown is in fine completely original condition and was obtained by the writer some years ago in an antique shop in Boston, Massachusetts, under never forgotten circumstances. The bank was in the front window of the shop and this attracted the writer's attention to the place for the first time. It was run by two elderly sisters and they had cats all over the place among the antiques, on tables, up on the shelves, on top of chests, under chairs, and around the floor. Every now and then one of the cats would take off, others would follow suit, and over would go some antique piece of glass or china. The sisters would sit impassively through these occasions and seem to take it as a matter of course and purely routine. No time was wasted in leaving the place after the bank was purchased and, as a matter of fact, subsequent visits to the shop mainly consisted of opening the door slightly and asking if there was anything new lately. The writer has had numerous weird and unusual experiences over the years of collecting mechanical banks and the one mentioned is one of many. Experiences of this type offer an added interest to the normal routine of collecting and discussing them with other collectors and their experiences adds up to interesting conversations.

The Atlas Bank is very attractive, although it is not highly decorated. The figure of Atlas and the entire top of the building-like base is gold, the sides of the base are silver, and the door, two windows, and name are in gold. The globe is made of wood covered with a paper map of the entire world. There is a varnish-like finish on this paper surface and the colors of the different countries and continents are toned light yellow, light red, and so on.

The operation of the bank is quite simple but effective. The lever on top of the base is pressed to the left, a coin is then placed in the thus exposed slot. Upon releasing the lever, which is at spring tension, it snaps back into place and causes the world to spin around counter-clockwise. Thus the motto on top of the base, 'Money Moves The World', is accurately and actively demonstrated.

In conclusion a point of interest is the fact that the Atlas Bank is the only known mechanical bank based on Greek mythology. Atlas was the son of Titans Iapetus and Clymene and his name means bearer or endurer. Originally he was supposed to support the heavens on his head and unwearied hands, and in earlier works of art he was depicted in this fashion. In later times after the earth was discovered to be spherical he was then pictured as carrying the terrestrial globe. Thus the Atlas Bank accurately and properly portrays him in his endless task of supporting the world through eternity.





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By CHARLES FRENCH

Why do people collect coins? What makes this hobby so popular? The many reasons why they do include the desire to accumulate, the coin's beauty of design, the desire to complete a series of dates, the interest in research for historical knowledge, the pride of possession of something beautiful and rare, the pleasure derived in displaying ones collection whether privately or in public, and the possibility of profit through coin collecting.

There are collectors in all the above categories. I think the primary interest is the pride of possession, whether it be for beauty, value, completion of a series, display, or for profit. A great deal of satisfaction is derived by completing any of the categories listed.

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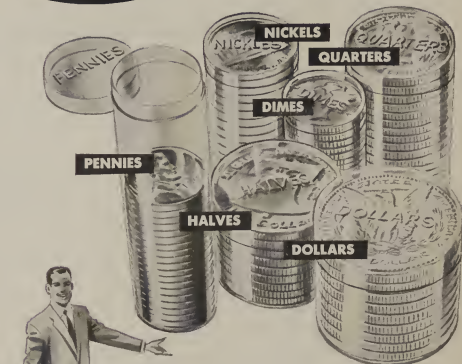
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Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

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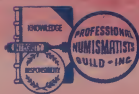
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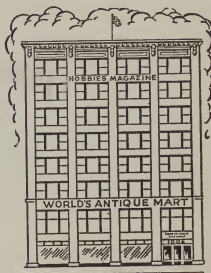
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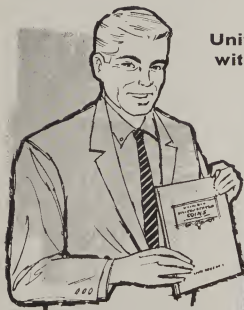
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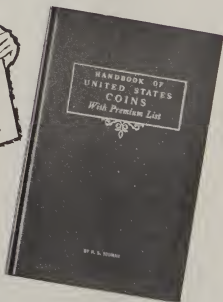


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The rise of desirable coins and rarities, not of speculative issues, has now been going on without any interruption for over a quarter of a century. There is no end in sight, even though we seem to have entered a recession of sorts.

Catalogs issued each year giving values of coins have been criticized for the increases they have shown. But the rise still goes on, and as has developed with those coins in greatest demand, prices almost immediately are above catalog values even when the book comes out.

While guide books endeavor to be conservative, being afraid they will cause values to get too high too rapidly, the market simply does not seem to consider this at all. Real rarities, key coins, and those in top demand today bring nearly any price, regardless of catalog values.

If held a couple of years, these coins again sell for new record highs. If you have a really popular rarity and want to sell it, all you have to do is name your price—you'll get it.

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Question:

I read your article in *HOBBIES*, so I am sending you some rubbings of a few coins. I am wondering what they are, and their value.

—E. H. C., Iowa

Answer:

Your first coin is an 8 real piece of Charles III of Spain coined at the Mexico City mint, in good condition this coin retails for \$4.00.

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—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing a pencil rubbing of a coin. There is the word 'kettle' after the 1803 date which doesn't show too well on the rubbing. On the surface it appears to be gold but could be a gold coating on copper. There are only seven stars to the left of the head which differs from any coin I've seen pictured in catalogs. I should appreciate any information.

—Mrs. R. N., Illinois

Answer:

The "Kettle" coin is a token in brass in imitation of a \$2.50 gold piece. These retail for around 75¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a U.S. \$20 gold coin dated 1904. Does it contain a full ounce of gold? What metal is alloyed with it to harden it? In what ratio?

—P. F., Utah

Answer:

The \$20 gold coin has a weight of 516 grains and is 900 fine. I believe the alloy was copper.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a 1959 penny with a serious mint error. I know it is a 1959 because it came in a new roll. The party I obtained it from carried it in his pocket for a week or two so it is a little tarnished. The penny is an absolute blank except for a small part of its edge which the

press caught. The words (In God) are plainly visible and the back of Lincoln's head can be seen on the one side. The letter (O) and most of the (F) can be seen on the other.

Here is a drawing.

—A.W., South Dakota

Answer:

Your mint error is worth between \$10 and \$15. Of course there is no way now to prove it is a 1959 cent. It would just have to be classified as undated.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Are any of the following of value or historical interest? 1 cent size. On one side, head of Jefferson. "For Our Country a Common Cause," around edge. On other side, "Now and Forever." 2 cent size. Indian head, but different than ours. "Our army," on other side. 3 gold color, 1/2" diam. Building above building U.S. mint. Below Phila., 1832 or 1882, not sure. "Lords Prayer" on other side. Has been used for a charm.

—J. R. D., Maine

Answer:

The coin you first mention is one of many varieties of Civil War tokens currently retailing at \$1 each.

Second coin the same.

Third, is a small charm or medal of little numismatic value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please appraise. How many were minted?

—M.H., Iowa

Answer:

Your 1853 O-mint half dollar catalogs \$4.50 in good condition. There were 1,328,000 minted.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please identify these rubbings.

—C.H., New Jersey

Answer:

Your first coin is a one real piece of Philip V of Spain, dated 1746. These retail for around \$1.50.

The second coin is a 15 kopek coin of Prussia under Soviet rule retailing for 5¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I enclose a rubbing of an 1802 silver dollar in very fine to uncirculated condition. There seems to be something a bit different about the "2" in the date. From the rubbing could you give me any idea as to its value and if the "2" appears different or unusual to you?

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dition. What is its value and does the irregularity of shading increase its value?

—F.J.C., Massachusetts

Answer:

The "2" in date is probably the 1802 over 1, corrected dies, which is not unusual. This coin catalogs at \$55. in very fine condition, and \$150. in uncirculated, but would have to be inspected to see which classification it would come under. These currently retail at about 1/2 off catalog. Dealers buying prices would be about 30% under that.

As to the 8 real piece, I do not think it is enough off center to be considered a good mint error and I do not think it enhances its value over an ordinary coin. This coin retails for \$4, very fine to extremely fine.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have two paper one dollar bills (U.S.) one 1935 A series, portrait Washington, stamped Hawaii. The other, series 1928 A, portrait Washington, obverse large printed, see drawing. What are their value, and is the 1928 A series still in circulation? I have a 1909 VDB Lincoln cent without the mint mark. One coin book said there were only 420 struck in mat proof without the mint mark, if so what would be its value? Attached is a pencil rubbing of a coin I would like to have identified and evaluated.

—Mrs. M. F. P., Pennsylvania

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

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—Mrs. R. S., Minnesota

Answer:

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THE SMYTH X-RAY BANK

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A mechanical bank commemorating a discovery of great benefit to the entire world is our choice as No. 94 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank is the Smyth X-Ray, and while it actually works on the principle of an illusion, it does very properly convey in a broad sense the general principle of X-ray in seeing through certain objects. The object in this case is a coin used in conjunction with the operation of the bank.

The Smyth X-Ray Bank was patented May 31, 1898 by Charles Smyth of Dayton, Ohio, and he assigned one half to Lena Hyman, also of Dayton. The patent papers are clear and concise in their description of his invention and the accompanying three drawings are exactly the same as the bank was actually made. The manufacturer of the bank is unknown, however, it is possible that Mr. Smyth had a foundry make the cast iron parts of him and then did the balance of the assembly work and so on either by himself or with employed help. It is also possible that some concern manufactured and marketed the bank for him, or he may have sold the patent outright to a company. In any event, perhaps at some future date the old catalog or advertisement will come to light which will reveal this information.

The bank shown is from the very fine collection of Mr. L. C. Hegarty and it is in excellent original condition. The bank was formerly in the collection of the late Dr. Arthur E. Corby, but just where Dr. Corby obtained it is unknown to the writer. This specimen has an oxidized type finish over its entire surface. However, the bank was apparently produced in at least two types of finishes as Mrs. Mary Gerken has in her collection a nickel plated Smyth X-Ray in fine original condition. These same two type finishes were also used on the Automatic Coin Savings Bank (Hobbies, January 1957).

The name of the bank, as shown in the picture, also appears on the other side along with additional wording on the two T-shaped parts. One part has 'Pat. Pending' thereon, and the other 'Trade Mark Rec'd.'. In each case the terminology appears on the horizontal side of the respective part. It is unusual to have Trade Mark on a mechanical bank, and particularly so in conjunction with a Patent reference. As the writer recalls there is only one other mechanical bank to bear both these inscriptions, the Little Jockey Musical Bank (Hobbies, April 1960). The only 'Smyth X-Ray' thereon, and this would indicate they were all made while the patent was still pending.

It is possible, however, even after the granting of the patent in 1898, that the terminology was never changed due to the fact it was felt the original Trade Mark was sufficient protection against infringement or duplication. In practically all cases where a mechanical



bank was manufactured during the application or pending period of the patent the term 'Patent Pending' or 'Patent App'd. For' was used on the bank. However, this was subsequently changed to the actual date of the issuance or granting of the patent and all future production of the particular bank bore this inscription.

The operation of the bank is simple but effective. A coin is placed in the center between the two T-shaped parts. It stays in position resting on the operating lever. The small tapered viewing section, shown on the left in the picture, is then raised to the eye of the viewer. With the other eye closed, the bank is held in this position and directed or pointed towards some well lighted object. The viewer sees the object as though he were looking right through the coin. The lever is then depressed, the coin drops into the bank, and the object still remains in the vision of the viewer. This is an illusion and actually the viewer is looking at an image or optical counterpart of the object. This illusion is created by the use of four mirrors, two small and two somewhat larger, arranged in such a fashion that they reflect the image down into and back up through the inside of the bank. The illusion principle of operation is employed in two other banks; one, the mechanical Presto Bank (HOBBIES, September 1956), and the other a semi-mechanical, the Multiplying Bank. The Multiplying Bank by the use of two mirrors set in a V-shape creates the illusion of making one penny look like eight.

In closing it bears mention that X-rays were discovered toward the end of 1895 by Wilhelm K. Roentgen, Professor of Physics at the University of Wurzburg, Bavaria. However, the first X-ray photograph was made January 12, 1896 by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Professor of Physics at Davidson College in North Carolina. He used a human hand taken from a corpse and fired a bullet into it. He then took a 15 minute exposure which revealed the location of the bullet in the hand. It is of interest to note the coincidence of the similarity of names between the first user of X-rays and the inventor of the X-Ray Bank.

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From 1836 on a great deal of experimentation went on at our mint. With the change in the method of coining, and the change in the weight of our coins, patterns and experimental pieces were struck in many varieties. Some were adopted for use, others were discarded.

So many were struck collectors took an interest in them. While there were very few of each variety a new part of Numismatics was born, "Pattern Collecting."

It became so popular limited issues were struck and sold for profit to collectors during the later years of the fad. All of these issues are rare today and in good demand.

For many decades patterns were looked down on by the Numismatist as not true coins. Today they are avidly sought and have gone up greatly in value.

If you were to become a pattern collector, you would find a great many varieties, such as gold coins struck in nickel, aluminum, and many other metals, dollars struck in bronze and so forth. Many have designs never adopted, and many great beauty.

In all cases you would find that the number of each variety was very small, sometimes as little as one to five coins of a kind. The 1856 Flying Eagle cent is a pattern, being the first coin struck of this type in proof only.

This particular piece was so popular that it is estimated around 500 were struck, and, being of the same design as the regular issues of 1857 and 1858, became adopted as a regular issue coin. This has made it one of the most expensive patterns you can get, even though the quantity is much larger than others.

This experimental era caused regular issues of many odd denominations. The majority of these soon proved to be unpopular and were soon discarded. The first of these was the smallest coin we ever coined. The silver three-cent piece nicknamed a "trime."

First coined in large quantities in 1851, the quantity gradually diminished until the last of these was struck for circulation around 1863. While "trimes" were still coined until 1873, they were only struck in proof for collectors.

There must have been a demand

for three-cent pieces. In 1865 the nickel three-cent pieces first appeared, again in large quantities, with diminishing supplies each year until 1876. From then until the last were coined in 1889 the majority were struck in proof for collectors.

Now we come to the experimental two-cent pieces. First coined in quantities in 1864, here again quantities diminished until those coined in 1872 and 1873 were very few, the last year being in proof for collectors only.

One would think experimentation would by now have stopped, but this was not the case. The first twenty-cent pieces were struck in 1875 and this series went out in 1878, the last two years only being struck in proof for collectors.

1873 saw the first trade dollars struck. These were designed to be used in trade with the Orient and are heavier than our regular dollars.

It was hoped they would be accepted in preference to the Mexican 8 real pieces then so popular. This did not turn out to be the case and interest in this series went by the board in 1878.

Hence the last years, from 1879 through 1885, only saw trade dollars minted in proof for collectors, the last two years, 1884 and 1885 presumably having been coined as a restrike at a later date. These two are very rare for few were minted. Evidence that they were not actually struck during the year of issue is shown by the fact that the proof sets issued by the mint during these two years never had the proof trade dollars in them. Furthermore these trade dollars only turned up separately several years later.

The gold dollar, first coined in 1849, seems to have met with more acceptance than the other unusual denominations, for these were regularly coined until 1889. The later years did not see the circulation that the earlier ones did.

Three-dollar gold pieces follow closely the history of gold dollars although they were not very popular at the time due to the superstition that a three-dollar gold piece was unlucky.

The four-dollar "stellars," only coined in 1879 and 1880, really should not be listed with regular issue coins. These were purely patterns, and were

not intended for circulation, the denomination never having been adopted.

The hope was that these would be accepted as of equal value with the many foreign gold pieces of like size then used throughout the world. They are very rare and in great demand today.

Experimental issues caused quite a bit of duplication in our coinage, also confusion. During the years 1865 and 1873, we had two different kinds of three-cent pieces, the silver and the nickel ones. The latter were confusing insofar as they were the same size as our dimes and looked very much like them.

From 1866 through 1873 we had both the silver five-cent pieces or half-dimes and the nickel 5¢ pieces, two different types of this denomination.

To top that off, the first Liberty nickels of 1883 did not have the word "cents" upon them. After being gold-plated they were frequently passed as five-dollar gold pieces, being the same size.

The twenty-cent coins were so similar to quarters that these two were frequently mistaken for each other.

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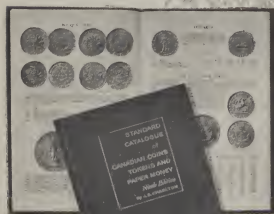
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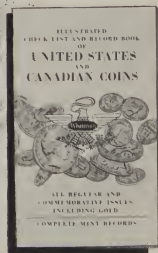
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CLOWN BANK

By F. H. GRIFFITH

In every field of collecting there exists a general interest, with the majority of collectors, in the background history of each of the individual items comprising the collection. Where was it made, by whom, when, why, and so on are some of the questions that too often remain unanswered. With certain types of collectibles this information is practically impossible to obtain, while with other types complete information is passed down over the years or can be ascertained with little effort. Research in any particular collecting field is, however, usually a persistent, time consuming proposition and often a matter of chance or luck, but in any case persistence greatly increases the percentage in favor of the researcher. Mechanical banks as collector's items offer a very interesting, challenging problem to the collector who desires background information on his individual specimens. It is desirable to know as much as possible about each bank as it stimulates a person's interest above and beyond the mere level of just forming an ac-

Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

cumulation of intriguing toy animated savings devices. In most cases each of the known mechanical banks is an interesting item unto itself, with its attractive action, clever mechanism, and subject matter. However, when complete background data can be established there is no question as to the added interest plus the fact that the intrinsic and actual value of the respective bank is increased.

Fortunately complete background information can be ascertained on many of the mechanical banks made in the United States. In numbers of cases this information even includes the original designer and patentee of the respective bank. Foreign mechanical banks have, however, posed a much greater problem in developing background history. Determination and persistence in research over a period of time has shed some light on a number of banks in this group and much more is known today than as recent as four or five years ago. A foreign bank, which until a few years ago fit into the unknown information category, is our choice as No. 95 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank is the Clown Bank and it is of English manufacture. The bank pictured was originally found by Bob and Mary Merritt of Merritt's Antiques, Douglassville, Pa. They are well known, outstanding antique dealers and make frequent trips abroad to replenish their large representative stock. On one of these trips a few years ago they attended a street market sale in Brighton, England, and purchased the Clown Bank at this sale. The bank was shipped to their shop along with other antiques and subsequently sold to an individual who eventually passed it along to the present owner, L. C. Hegarty.

Chamberlin & Hill, Ltd. manufactured the Clown Bank and it was carried in their line of specialty items as late as 1930. They also made the Little Moe Bank (Hobbies, August 1958), as well as the Jolly Nigger (With Fixed Eyes). The writer has an original catalog picture of the Clown Bank in color along with the complete description. It was originally sold as the Mechanical Clown Money Box and priced at 30 shilling per dozen. The catalog states that the bank was painted in brilliant colors and if preferred it could be supplied in pale blue where shown in red. This was merely a variation in the trim. However, it did offer prospective buyers a choice.

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In closing it is well to mention that there are a number of different type clown banks, however, there are only three known of the bust type. One is the bank under discussion and another is the Humpty-Dumpty. In spite of the fact that these two banks do not look alike there still exists the possibility of confusion. They are both clowns, they both have peaked hats, and they both have the same action. However, the Humpty-Dumpty has the name on the back of the bank and it is also considerably larger than the Clown Bank. The third bust type clown bank is the Bill E. Grin, but this is quite different than the other two and the name Bill E. Grin is across the front of the bank. Humpty-Dumpty and Bill E. Grin were both made in the United States.



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It is with sincere regret that we report the news of Mr. David Hollander's untimely death on Monday, March 20th. Mr. Hollander was an outstanding antique dealer and handled many fine specialty collector's items, including mechanical banks. He was very well known to all collectors of mechanical banks and handled the sale of the late Walter P. Chrysler collection in 1955.

The writer remembers Dave from the so-called pioneer days of mechanical bank collecting when he and his brother had an antique shop in the lower level of the Chrysler Building in the 1930's. Dave was personally responsible for adding many fine banks to the collection of Walter Chrysler and other leading collectors in that period. He remained currently active in the mechanical bank field all through the ensuing years right up to the time of the recent Coliseum Antique Show where he had some mechanical banks on display.

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How to Sell a Coin Collection

By CHARLES FRENCH

For some time I have wanted to write about the sale of coins—how to go about it and get what they are worth. A reader of my column wanted to know what a widow should do to sell a coin collection. This is a very difficult problem to one inexperienced.

How to go about it will depend upon the value of the collection. If it is a matter of a few hundred dollars, an outright sale would be the best. If it is a collection running in excess of several thousand dollars the story is entirely different.

In the first place, every collector should make arrangements for the sale of his collection while he is still collecting. He would then have dealt with most all large dealers and could form an opinion as to whom he would trust his collection, and whom he would not.

This information should be passed on to his heirs. *The sale of a collection of size has to depend upon the absolute trust in the dealer purchasing it or handing its sale.*

There are many honest dealers in the country, but there are a few others who will use all kinds of slick tricks to get the most for the least amount of money.

When death occurs the first step is that the collection will have to be appraised for both state and federal inheritance taxes.

Appraisals can be done on both a low wholesale, or a high retail valuation. Expert appraisers should give both the wholesale and retail valuation. For inheritance tax purposes a figure between the two should be used.

It is not advisable to keep the appraisal valuations too low for this purpose, for when the collection is sold there would then be a much higher capital gains tax which would cost more than paying a higher inheritance tax.

The choice of an appraiser is very important. Get the best, most important, and to your knowledge, most honest.

Pay his fee rather than accept a free appraisal. This keeps you from being obligated to any one person in the event of sale, and should get you a better appraisal. There is a great temptation for some to keep values down low on a free appraisal with the eye to purchasing the collection.

Next we come to the manner of selling, whether outright for cash or at Auction. If sold outright, one should expect to receive between 50% and 70% of the retail sales value.

This does not mean the Guide Book or catalog value, but the amount the coins would actually sell for. This will vary considerably from Guide Book prices depending upon what the material is.

Proofs and key rarities usually retail for as much as full Guide Book prices, and in many instances considerably above these valuations. For extreme rarities in great demand these pieces could go at two, three, and even 10 times catalog value.

Circulated coins or the more common variety, even ordinary uncirculated coins rarely sell up to Guide Book valuations. Usually they sell at from 20% to 40% under them.

The discount paid off of retail values of 50% to 70% depends upon the type of material the collection contains, and the amount of work involved in selling the material. One must always remember that a dealer is in business to earn his living and is entitled to his profits for his efforts.

Now we come to selling at Auction. This is the manner in which all of the leading collections are sold. It has advantages and disadvantages. While cash advances on a consignment can usually be gotten, the final settlement is usually slower than a cash sale due to the length of time it takes to handle the sale.

The advantages are first that the Auctioneer is very anxious to realize as much as possible for the collection. The more he can realize the more his commission will be. He will catalog the coins to their best advantage, and hidden or unknown rarities which otherwise might not be mentioned in an outright sale, will be featured in order to get the most for the collection.

Surprises also occur which even conscientious dealers might not expect when purchasing outright. I had an instance recently where a coin which a dealer would normally purchase for full Guide Book price, suspecting it would sell for considerably more, sold at Auction for three times Guide Book price!

Other advantages of the Auction method include a complete published and printed record in the catalog of the collection. Also a complete printed, priced, list is made of what the collection brought for every lot. And lastly, when desired, the name of the collector is published in conjunction with the sale of the collection, credit-

ing him for his efforts in compiling it.

The Auction method does take time. It will take the cataloger about a month to prepare the catalog. A month should be allowed to let the printer print it and get it into the mail. Then four to six weeks should be allowed for the collectors and dealers to send in their bids.

At the termination of the sale, another month should be allowed for payments to come on the lots sold. So one should have settlement in full 30 days after the termination of the Auction sale.

The fee an Auctioneer gets for this service ranges between 15% and 20% of the prices realized and should include all costs, insurance, advertising, printing, etc.

Insofar as one must wait six months after appraisal for inheritance tax purposes in order to have the profit from the sale come under capital gains rather than income tax, the length of time the Auction method takes is no disadvantage.

Inexperienced people sometime fear the Auction method, being afraid the coins will go for a price way below value. This is not the case.

Auctioneers who run large, nationwide sales cover the market so completely, both as to dealers and collectors, there is little opportunity for any lot to go for a ridiculous price. Sometimes an unpopular item may sell at what appears to be quite cheap, but that would really be what it was worth.

The best Auctions are those run by dealers who have specialized in this selling method for many years, for in so doing they have built up a clientele and a reputation which encourages good bidding. The best sales are those which are a combination of mail bids, and then a public sale commenced with the high mail bid. This system brings the best prices, encourages competition, and the prices realized are publicly announced.

Things to watch out for when selling for cash,

Downgrading. This is listing or grading a coin as inferior to what it actually is. I know of a collection of beautiful proofs that was purchased several years ago as "uncirculated" by an unscrupulous dealer.

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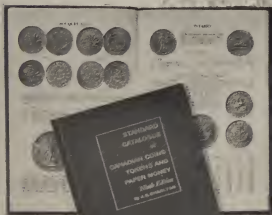
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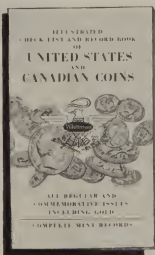
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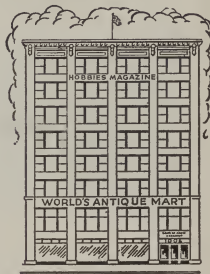
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Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH



Bull and Bear Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Anyone who has an interest in the articles on mechanical banks as published in *HOBBIES* Magazine is no doubt familiar with the fact of the writer's special attention to the broad coverage of subject matter as represented by the various banks. This is, of course, just one facet of the writer's interest, however, it is an important one since quite often the particular subject as represented by a certain bank definitely adds prestige to that bank.

The various different types of subject matter such as historical, political, sports, and so on have been outlined and covered in past articles. However, as we reach No. 96 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks we have chosen a bank that is unique in its theme and representation. The bank is the Bull and Bear and its subject matter has to do with the Stock Exchange.

The Bull and Bear Bank with its stock market theme naturally causes one to think of the New York Stock Exchange and Wall Street. This brings mixed emotions to a wide group of the population. To many the disastrous crash of 1929 is an unforgettable event, to others the more pleasant recent years of a rising market is foremost in their thoughts.

There's no question but that the stock market has become more and more popular with an increasing percentage of the population from all walks of life. There still exists, however, and probably always will exist, a never ending tug of war between the "bulls" and the "bears" in the up and down trend of the market. The Bull and Bear Bank well typifies this struggle as there is no

certainly if the bull or the bear will receive the coin. The coin in this case representing the profit and the swinging pendulum represents the trend of the market from "bullish" to "bearish" or vice-versa.

The Bull and Bear Bank has unfortunately an unproven background as to the designer, manufacturer, or definite period in which it was made. Also the specimen shown is the only one that the writer has complete confidence in with respect to definitely having some original authentic parts.

This bank is now in the possession of Leon Perelman and it certainly adds some distinction to his fine growing collection of mechanical banks.

Mr. Perelman obtained the bank from the late David Hollander. It was originally in the collection of Walter P. Chrysler. Mr. Chrysler had obtained the bank from the pioneer dealer Norman E. Sherwood, and Mr. Sherwood found the bank at the site of the J. & E. Stevens Company. This leads to some fairly conclusive information concerning the bank. It is the writer's opinion that it was designed by Charles A. Bailey and most likely produced at the Stevens Company foundry.

As to the number manufactured, the writer has no idea but most likely it was made in very limited quantities. There are numbers of Bull and Bear Banks around which are heavy, cumbersome things in cast iron and brass. These are grotesque fakes and awkward reproductions of the original bank pictured. All these have no connection with the bank under discussion. Most of them were made some 20 to 25

years ago, some in more recent years, and they have, in the writer's opinion, no value as a collector's item.

The bank shown is in good original condition with the exception of the bear. It is the writer's opinion that the cast iron bear is not the original bear intended for the bank. The bull is a lead-like metal similar to Bailey's Springing Cat (*HOBBIES*, September, 1952), Chinaman In Boat (*HOBBIES*, May, 1955), and others of his design.

The workmanship of the bull is finely done, unquestionably original, and it is reasonable to assume that the bear would have originally been made in the same fashion and of the same material as the bull. The balance of the bank, the base and tree trunk, are cast iron and show all evidence of being fine original parts.

Bailey employed this same combination of metals in his Germania Exchange Bank (*HOBBIES*, March, 1952). The legs and body of the barrel of this bank being cast iron and the figure of the goat in a lead-like material. Bailey's Bismark Pig (*HOBBIES*, March, 1956), is also the same combination of the two metals.

The paint on the pictured bank is in good condition and completely original with the exception of the bear. The bull is an overall reddish brown with red nostrils and mouth, the front part of the ears are white, and the eyes are also white with black pupils.

The bear is a dark brown with red mouth. The tree trunk is brown with the stump ends yellow with reddish-brown trim. The base of the bank is an overall green trimmed in red. The base has flowers thereon and these are in yellow and red. The name "Bull and Bear Bank" appears across the front of the base and this lettering is in gold.

As to the operation of the bank, a coin is first placed in the provided slot in the top of the swinging pendulum. When the lever located near the base of the tree trunk is pressed, motivation is applied to the swinging pendulum in such fashion that there is no control or certainty as to the coin swinging to the bull or the bear. In either case the coin is deposited in the provided slot in the top of the respective animal's head.

In conclusion the writer can only say that circumstances surrounding the origin and background of the Bull and Bear Bank are similar to those of the Called Out Bank (*HOBBIES*, October, 1955). Time will tell if other examples of this same type Bull and Bear Bank turn up, and there is always the possibility that some form of proof will be found to definitely establish the fact that both banks were sold commercially.

To date there is no proof that either the Bull and Bear or Called Out were ever produced in quantities or sold in stores. This has no effect on their desirability; however, nor the fact that there is no question as to the authenticity of either bank.

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If you had lived in the early days of our country, you would have used and seen very few American coins. Even though we started coining in 1793, the predominating coins in circulation were a conglomeration of Spanish-American 8 Reals, commonly known as Spanish milled dollars and their fractions, English Shillings and Crowns, and copper coins from practically every part of the world.

Many of these were tokens sent over here by the British to allay the coin shortage. The Spanish-American 2 Real piece, being about the same size as a 25¢ piece, became known as 2 bits, and this name still is used for our quarter dollars.

Gold was very scarce, Doubloons and Guineas were the predominant coins. As time went on, these coins became worn smooth due to their use, and not being replaced adequately by new coinages as worn coins are today, the coinage conditions became a mess.

From 1800 on silver and gold coins were not accepted as token coinages, but as coins of intrinsic value in the metal they contained. Therefore as they wore out they were worth less and one would not always get the full accepted value one would expect. A badly worn Spanish milled dollar might only be worth 60¢, and so it went on down the line.

While we made small coinages of gold, the attempts to pin them to a fixed value with silver made it impossible to issue the pieces and actually get them to be used in circulation. It was more profitable to melt them down and sell the gold for more than their face value.

Not until the discovery of gold in California did gold actually become an important medium of exchange throughout the country. Gold was always in demand however and many transactions demanded that payment be made in gold. This was difficult.

The gold coined from 1795 through 1834 is truly rare, for little was struck, and hardly any got into circulation. From 1834 on, quite a bit of gold was coined but not near enough to fill the need.

The shortage of gold from around 1810 until 1834 was so great, transactions between banks and other institutions requiring hard cash were done with the old lettered edge half-dollars. Stored specie was also done with these coins. This is one of the reasons so many of these are found today in excellent condition.

Paper money became the principal media. The lack of safety and adequate regulations regarding its issuance caused much uncertainty, loss, and in some instances, panics.

The hundreds of issues were traded in at varying discounts, depending upon the financial status of the issuer. In all cases gold coins were worth premiums.

Americans did not have much faith in paper money for their experiences were not very good. When the Continental Congress refused to honor the paper money issued during the Revolution the term "Not worth a continental" was originated.

From then on, banks and money issuers constantly kept going broke through panics or other causes. This continued until the Civil War when the government finally took a hand in the situation and became the only authorized issuer of paper money.

From then on, all paper money has been redeemable. The "discount" game prior to 1863 ended.

By 1857 the Foreign coins in circulation were so terrible we had to do something. They had become plain smooth discs of metal, with hardly any design on them at all. Hence the government commenced issuing the copper nickel Eagle cents.

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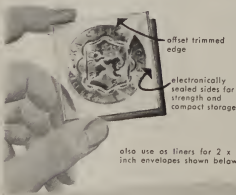
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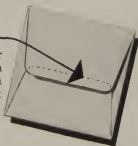
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—D. S., California

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Answer:

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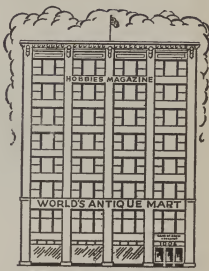
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By F. H. GRIFFITH

It has been some time since the writer has more or less informally gotten up to date with the various individuals who are interested in mechanical banks. The writer receives numerous letters from both collectors and dealers having to do with mechanical banks, and these letters cover a broad area of questions and problems. Some of these are of definite general interest to all mechanical bank collectors and dealers. Therefore, it is well occasionally to digress from the usual classification article and pass along some information concerning mechanical banks in general.

One factor that seems to still concern both collectors and dealers are the reproductions of mechanical banks that have come on the market in recent years. Various forms of publicity on these reproductions has stimulated and increased general interest in mechanical banks and added prestige to the old original specimens.

One must always bear in mind that the reproduced banks are being sold as such, not as original specimens. They are easily recognized as reproductions and not intended to mislead anyone. The writer knows of numerous new collectors of mechanical banks who have started in the past few years and their interest is in the original old banks, not reproductions.

After all, any collector of mechanical banks wants original authentic banks in his collection and nothing else will do. It's the same with collectors of stamps, coins, Currier & Ives prints, paperweights, and so on.

The manufacturers of the reproduction banks, so far as the writer knows, have always sold them for what they are—reproductions. They have not intended to misrepresent. The unfortunate thing about it is that occasionally the banks get into trade channels and sometimes are sold to the unsuspecting as original, old banks.

It is to be admitted that various forms of misinformation now and then circulate around, and while this does no great harm, it certainly does no particular good and is misleading. For example, a recent article on me-

chanical banks was called to the attention of the writer by a number of people.

This article stated that a group of pictured mechanical banks were all recently made from the original molds found in an old foundry in New Jersey. This foundry, according to the article, years ago originally made the banks pictured. Well the majority of the mechanical banks pictured were originally made by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. Two were originally made by Kyser & Rex of Philadelphia, Pa. Two others were originally manufactured by Shepard Hardware Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., and finally another was made by Hubley Manufacturing Company of Lancaster, Pa. And, as a matter of fact, the writer knows of only one foundry in New Jersey that was ever active in the production of mechanical banks at any time, and this foundry produced only one type of mechanical bank.

As to original patterns of mechanical banks, a very limited number exist today. For the most part the only original patterns still in existence were in the Stevens Company prior to World War II, and the majority of these were melted up during the war period.

This information was given to the writer personally by an employee of the Stevens Company. As to the existence of patterns of other manufacturers of mechanical banks, to the best of the writer's knowledge, there are none.

In several collections of mechanical banks there are some original designer patent models, as well as original patterns, but these are very limited. As example, there exists two each of designer models of the Aunt Dinah And The Fairy and the Wishbone Bank. There is also one each of the respective designers' model of the Feed The Kitty and the Blacksmith.

There is absolutely no evidence or proof that any of these models ever reached the production stage, and this places them in a category of their own. Several experimental designer models of the Hall's Yankee Notion Bank exist, but here again they come into the same category mentioned in the foregoing since an actual bank was never produced.

Now to sum up the commercially produced reproduction mechanical banks which are being advertised and

marketed by several sources. These banks are made by using an old production bank as a pattern. This does not give the same result as that which one would obtain by using an original pattern.

Also some of these reproductions have been simplified in their mechanism to facilitate production. In this case the finished respective bank does not operate the same as an original or perform all the mechanical functions. To repeat, all the reproductions are easily identified as being the reproductions they are intended to be. * * *

It is always of great interest when one can discover practical proof that a heretofore unknown mechanical bank must have been actually manufactured. Well the Japanese Ball Tosser, which has appeared in the writer's ad for some time, has finally materialized into some form of definite proof of manufacture.

Two old catalogs recently obtained by the writer furnished this proof. One lists and describes the bank and the other has an excellent picture of the bank, as well as a complete description of the action.

This is indeed a gratifying discovery as the writer has always felt that the Weeden Manufacturing Company had actually produced the Japanese Ball Tosser and distributed it to dealers for sale to the public.

The bank operated with a wind-up mechanism and is also similar in general appearance to the Ding Dong Bell (HOBBIES, October 1954) and the Plantation Bank, both Weeden products. The figure of the Japanese is centered in the front recessed section of the bank and the realistic action of tossing the balls is well described in the text accompanying the picture of the bank.

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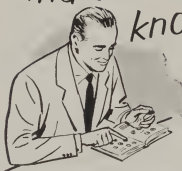
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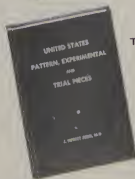
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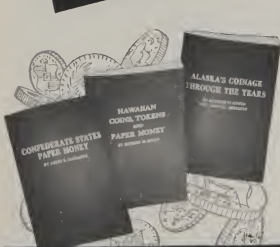
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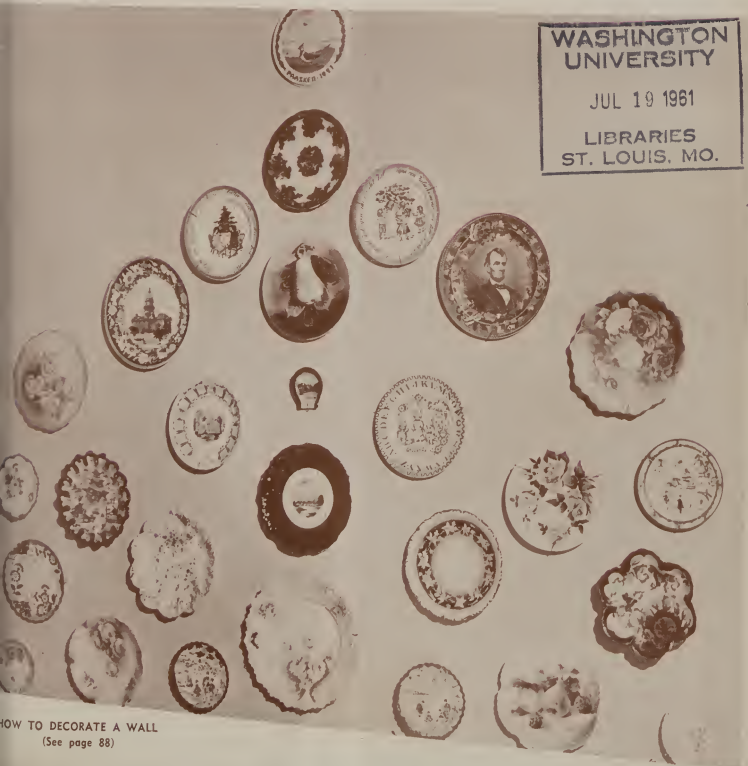
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HOW TO DECORATE A WALL
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Old Mechanical Banks

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Snake and Frog in Pond Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The Snake & Frog In Pond, a most unusual tin mechanical bank, is our choice as No. 97 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. It is unique in that it is the only bank known to utilize the representation of a snake in its action.

A snake striking a frog would most certainly seem an unlikely subject matter for a child's savings bank. The fact that such a bank was made, however, offers further proof of the extremes to which designers of mechanical banks went to in coming up with something different in the way of action and subject matter.

The vast majority of people obviously do not like snakes. Transversely, however, most people are definitely fascinated by them and drawn to them in spite of being repelled.

Within this realm of feeling, lurking in the subconscious of the individual, lies the particular interest in the Snake & Frog In Pond. Specifically, of course, with respect to a collector of mechanical banks. This is in addition to the collector's usual desire of ownership and interest in any specimen of a mechanical bank.

The Snake & Frog In Pond shown is owned by John D. Meyer, one of the pioneer collectors of mechanical banks. It was formerly in the collection of the late James C. Jones, who was also one of the early collectors. Just where Mr. Jones obtained the bank is unknown to the writer, however, it is known that the bank is of foreign manufacture.

The wording "Made In Germany" is printed on the end of the bank where the frog is located. The initials "D.R.G.M." appear above this statement. This lettering has three interpretations or meanings.

One, Deutsches Reichs Germein Musterschutz - Deutsches means German, Reichs means Empire, and in the last word "Muster" means registered, and "schutz" stands for design, trademark, copyright, or patent.

Second interpretation or meaning is Deutsches Reichs Geschutztes Muster - this means German State Protected Material.

The third and last meaning is Deutsches Reichs Gebrauchsmuster - this means a German Registered Design that is good for a short time only.

Just which of these three meanings apply to the Snake & Frog In



Pond is unknown, however, this is not necessarily important. What is important is the fact that the bank was a protected item, the same as a patented bank in our country.

Other information on the bank is sadly lacking. The actual manufacturer or designer is unknown. So is the period or time in which it was made. The writer has never seen any old catalogs or other material that pictured or described the bank, which would be helpful in dating it. In any event, it is the writer's opinion that it was produced after 1900, and most likely dates in the 1910 to 1920 period.

The bank is a very attractive item with bright colors and fine details. The base represents a predominantly light green woodland scene. The large frog is in a lake and the indentation of the lake on top of the base goes to within an inch of the snake. The snake is among some brown and yellow rocks, green grass, and ferns.

The lake is blue streaked with white, and in it are some raised lily pads in green and white. A green frog is swimming in the water and a green and yellow salamander is crawling towards the snake.

A snail is crawling on the edge of the lake and surrounding the lake are many types of flowers in red, yellow, white, and blue. The lake is also represented along each

side of the bank. Here again are highly colored flowers, snails, bees, frogs, and a lizard.

The body of the snake is a mottled iridescent blue and gold. The top of his head is an iridescent blue with beady gold eyes. The underside of his head and mouth is yellow. The large frog on the end of the bank is a dark green and black with a yellow underside. All this detail and color add up to a very attractive bank.

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THE 1907 ST. GAUDENS \$20 GOLD PIECE

The Smithsonian Institution has announced the donation by Cornelius Van S. Roosevelt of Washington, D. C., of an experimental high-relief double eagle or \$20 gold piece, dated 1907, designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens at the request of President Theodore Roosevelt.

This is one of the great rarities of the United States coin series and has in addition an unusual historical connotation since it was owned originally by Theodore Roosevelt, who had devoted considerable efforts toward its design and production.

In fact, in the winter of 1905, Theodore Roosevelt met at a dinner in Washington with Augustus Saint-Gaudens whose sculptures the President admired greatly. The conversation drifted to the beauty of ancient Greek coins, described by Saint-Gaudens as almost the only coins of real artistic merit. Why could not the United States have coins as beautiful as the Greek ones, the President wished to know. If Saint-Gaudens would model them, he, the President, would cause them to be minted.

Thus started a unique venture in modern monetary history. Manifesting once more his versatility and extraordinary energy, Theodore Roosevelt found the time personally to conduct the campaign for a more artistic series of United States coinage designs. On November 6, 1905, the President said in a letter to Saint-Gaudens regarding these designs:

"I want to make a suggestion. It seems to me worth to try for a really good coinage; though I suppose there will be a revolt about it! I was looking at some gold coins of Alexander the Great today, and I was struck by their high relief. Would it not be well to have our coins in high relief, and also to have the rims raised? The point of having the rims raised would be, of course, to protect the figure on the coin; and if we have the figures in high relief, like the figures on the old Greek coins, they will surely last longer. What do you think of this?"

For two years President and sculptor gave much time and energy to the task of producing the new coin designs. The models finally adopted for the double eagle were of unusual artistic merit. The obverse showed a standing figure of "Liberty," holding aloft in her right hand the torch of enlightenment and in the left the olive branch of peace. On the reverse side was a rendering of a flying eagle above a rising sun.

A few experimental pieces having an extremely high relief were struck

at the President's order. These exceedingly rare pieces can be easily distinguished from the ones issued later for general circulation, and also having a very high relief.

The field of the rare experimental pieces is excessively concave and connects directly with the edge without any border, giving it a sharp knife-like appearance; the Liberty's skirt shows on side of right leg two folds; the Capitol building in the background at left is very small; the date, 1907, is in Roman numerals. The sun, on the reverse side, has 14 rays.

In addition to these experimental pieces, 11,250 high-relief \$20 gold pieces were struck on a medal press for general distribution and may be found today in many collections. Their relief is somewhat lower than that of the experimental pieces. Around the edge they have a border; the Liberty's skirt has three folds on side of right leg; the Capitol building is considerably larger; the date, 1907, is indicated in Roman numerals. On the reverse, there are only 13 rays extending from the sun.

For practical reasons and especially since these high-relief coins could not be struck on a regular coin press and would not stack, it was decided soon to revert to the customary flat relief. A large number of similar flat-relief double eagles were issued in 1907 (these pieces show the date in Arabic numerals) and in later years up to 1933, when the issuance of gold coins was discontinued.

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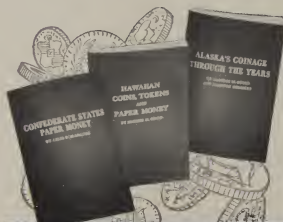
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Question:

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—R. L. C., Oklahoma

Answer:

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C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed is pencil rubbing of an ancient Greek coin (Mysia (?), 153-67 B.C.), probably of copper which has been silver-coated. Would you please offer me an appraisal of this item? Thank you.

—W. A. W., North Carolina

Answer:

I regret to say the enclosed pencil rubbing of a coin is a copy of a Cistophorus which was a popular coin from the first to the third centuries B.C. in Asia Minor, mostly coined in what was Lydia. These were so popular the Romans imitated these later on when they conquered this part of the world. It is an interesting piece for one side depicts intertwined snakes, while the other has a snake coming out of a basket in a mystical manner.

C. F., New York

Question:

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Answer:

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C. F., New York

Question:

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Answer:

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Question:

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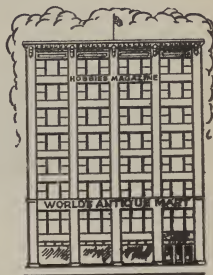
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Mechanical Banks--Repairs & Ramblings

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Mechanical banks that have parts missing or are broken in one way or another pose quite a problem to both dealer and collector. The writer receives numerous letters in regards to this problem, and in the majority of cases answers them. Some, however, are almost fantastic. For example, a recent inquiry concerned having a base plate and top plate of a certain bank and the party involved wanted to know if the missing parts could be obtained. Well that means that about one-third or less of the bank was on hand, and at best these could only be employed as repair parts, not to build a bank around them.

The writer has often wondered when someone was going to come up with a coin trap and ask if the rest of the bank was available! Generally speaking some degree of good judgment must be used on the part of both dealer and collector in ascertaining when a bank is complete enough to be repaired or actually represents a few useful parts.

In many cases, particularly with dealers, a broken bank is taken to some routine welder or handyman and is practically ruined by inexperienced hands, when it should have been repaired by a specialist in this very specialized field. Good sound advice is this — if the respective dealer with a broken or damaged bank does not intend to have the bank repaired properly, then leave it alone and sell it as is. This is particularly true and becomes increasingly so with respect to the rarity of the respective bank. The rarer the bank, the greater the caution with regard to repairs. Collectors in the vast majority would prefer buying a bank as is, rather than repaired in some crude fashion. A few collectors prefer and are able to fix banks themselves, but generally most employ the services of a competent repairman.

The repair of mechanical banks is a very specialized field that is time consuming beyond the normal realization of most people. To properly repair a bank takes considerable skill, experience, time, patience, and care. Numerous letters to the writer ask about supplying missing parts and repairing a broken or damaged

bank. In the writer's opinion a very competent man in this type of work is George W. Bauer of Pottstown, Pa. Mr. Bauer is experienced, conscientious, and he understands cast iron, welding, and other necessary factors to do this type of work. In cast iron welding or brazing he is careful to burn as little of the original paint area as necessary. He supplies missing parts and these are original parts whenever possible. Mr. Bauer is also active in the repair of cast iron toys generally, and these include the various type of horse drawn toys, trains, bell ringers, and so on. His regular business is in the field of antique brass, copper, and silver in repairing, replating, and other factors connected with this type of work, including making many interesting lamps from old ship lights and the like.

The writer will not attempt to go into all the phases and angles of repairing mechanical banks and cast iron toys at this time. However, it is well to remember that a job can be done well, almost perfect, or it can be a crude mess. In any case it is best to have repairs on mechanical banks or cast iron toys done properly and pay to have it done right or don't do it at all. This is particularly true with the dealer and he must decide himself if the expense of a certain repair is worth the additional investment.

Speaking of cast iron toys, over a period of time the writer has received many requests to write on cast iron toys. Of course mechanical banks are cast iron toy savings devices, but the terminology cast iron toys refers to the wide group of horse drawn toys including fire equipment, carriages, work type, circus wagons, and so on. Also in the category are trains, automobiles, bell ringing toys, toy pistols, and cannon. The writer intends to eventually cover some of the more important toys, and as a matter of fact has written on animated cap pistols (HOBBIES, July 1958), bell ringers (HOBBIES, February 1957), and cannon (HOBBIES, July 1957). The writer is very interested in the general line of cast iron toys but it is a complex field with many types made by a number of manufacturers.

In any event, an effort will be made in the future to cover the cast iron toys in some group form similar to the aforementioned three articles.

Of general interest to mechanical bank collectors — The writer has obtained an original advertisement picturing the United States Bank (HOBBIES, August 1956). This details the action of the bank and so on and shows the manufacturer's name as J. & E. Stevens Company, Cromwell, Conn. At the time of writing the article on the bank the writer could only logically attribute it to Stevens, but now definite proof exists to substantiate this opinion. Of further note is the fact that the picture and text bring out a previously unknown point of interest surrounding the bank. Quoting the text: "Each bank has lock and key, and is neatly finished. On depositing a coin of any size or weight, the cover springs up and a miniature bank-book appears into which the amount of the deposit may be entered." So the bank was originally sold with a deposit book which fit neatly in the space provided in the top of the bank.

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\$100	Franklin - Independence Hall
\$500	McKinley - Ornate five hundred
\$1000	Cleveland - Ornate one thousand

You should be capable of detecting counterfeiters. At present we are advised there are lots of counterfeit \$20 bills circulating.

Both counterfeit bills and coins are NOT redeemable by anyone, and it is against the law to own them, or hold them without special permission. They are valueless and supposed to be turned in to the Secret Service to aid them in locating the counterfeiters.

Nearly all counterfeiters have a rather smudged look, particularly in the portrait. The portrait and all other engraving should be clear and sharp, and, if not, careful tests should be made by means of the information supplied herewith.

Because a bill is faded or stained, as often happens, doesn't mean that it is counterfeit. It may have been through a wash.

At all times watch carefully all bills being presented by strangers making purchases requiring considerable change.

Serial Number Test For Counterfeit Bills

Divide the colored serial number by 6 and the balance left over must agree with the small check letters on the left and right side of the bill (the right one having small numbers near it).

Balance left over one (1) check letter
A or G
Balance left over two (2) check letter
B or H

Balance left over three (3) check letter
C or I
Balance left over four (4) check letter
D or J
Balance left over five (5) check letter
E or K
Balance left over none (0) check letter
F or L

If this does not agree, you may be very certain that you hold a counterfeit, and the proper authorities should be notified.

Genuine paper used in the making of bills cannot be purchased. It has been obtained by bleaching one dollar bills, and then used for making of bills of larger denomination.

Sometimes a clever artist in his line, will raise the corner numbers of a two dollar bill so that, to the un-wary, it will look like a \$20 bill, when presented under a poor light.

Even the silk threads have been imitated quite well by the use of a fine pen and colored ink.

It is good judgment to compare a doubtful bill with another one of the same denomination.

To sum up, a genuine bill must pass all of these tests, viz, seals and serial numbers must be of the proper color. Front and back engravings must correspond to the different denominations. Federal reserve notes need the correct letter for each issuing bank. Serial numbers must agree with the above test. Clear sharp engraving, unbroken lines, with a clean un-smudged general appearance is the rule.

If you have part of a bill, it can be redeemed as follows: If you have three fifths or over, you can get full value. From two fifths to three fifths, half value. Less than two fifths, no value unless satisfactory affidavit can be made that the remainder has been destroyed beyond recovery.

Counterfeit coins still circulate freely. All efforts possible should be used to stop them. A genuine silver coin, if not cracked, will have a clear "ring" and, unless worn from long usage, will have even and clear-cut milling on the edge.

Good coins look bright, while counterfeiters, if not plated, are dull and lusterless. They look and feel like lead, and are easily cut with a knife. If a coin has a soapy feeling and no ring, examine it very carefully.

New laws being passed are designed to discourage the altering of coins, particularly for the purpose of fleecing coin collectors. Many clever stunts are being done.

The letter "D" is being sweated onto 1916 P Mercury dimes and sold as a 1916D. Very cleverly done, 1856

Flying Eagle cents have been altered from 1858's for years. 1914D cents are being made out of 1944 D's simply by taking off the part of the first "4".

Many a collector has lost considerable by being taken in by those coins. When you buy rarities, know whom you are buying them from.

The latest clever trick is to get a nice new heavy plastic holder that rarities are so often kept in, then put two coins in it. I saw one recently with a 1916 P dime obverse showing, a common "D" reverse showing. It looked just like a perfect 1916 D dime.

If you were to buy this as a 1916 D uncirculated dime and later take it out of the holder, you would find you were the owner of two common dimes instead of the 1916 D.

Moral, when buying rarities, take them out of their holders and examine carefully. The rare 1894 S dime, has been counterfeited by sweating an S on an ordinary dime. Many 1804 dollars are altered dates, a "4" being sweated where the other numeral had been.

For advanced collectors care must be taken when purchasing gold rarities. Rare Stellas, for instance, have been sold as gold ones, by taking scarce copper patterns of the coins and gold-plating them. There is a thousand percent difference in value between the two.

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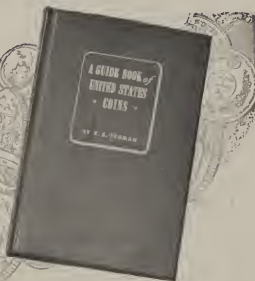
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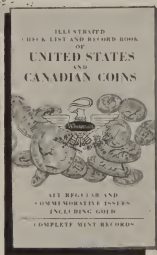
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Question:

Would like to ask if a 1959 D penny is rare or just faulty when it has part of Lincoln's face missing, like part of coin was left on stamping machine? Have many '59 pennies and this is the only one like it. Also are these listed of any special value?

—G. L., Minnesota

Answer:

The mint error 1959 D cent could be worth a good premium depending upon the extent of the fault.

1912 50¢ is worth face value.

All Liberty nickels, with the exception of the 1885 and 1912 S, in good condition are worth face value. These have to be pretty excellent as to wear to demand a premium.

1908 quarter is worth face, circulated.

1875 cent, good, retails for \$1; 1909 S is rare, ranging from \$80 up, depending upon condition. The 1880 cent retails for 10¢. The Mex. coin, 5¢.

C. F., New York

Question:

Am enclosing rubbings of the following coins. Please give value of each. All coins are very good to fine condition

—H. A. Z., Iowa

Answer:

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These are retail selling prices, dealers would pay less.

C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed is a pencil rubbing of a coin. Please tell me from what country it came and price. It is dated 1650.

—J. M., Indiana

Answer:

The pencil rubbing is difficult to read but the coin seems to be of Polish origin. I cannot read the legend indicating what ruler. In 1650 Poland was ruled by John Casimir, and the "JIO" that is readable indicates that it was his coin. Not rare, valued around \$1.

C. F., New York

Question:

I have a U.S. nickel, Jefferson, 1954 S. The Jefferson head, and building on reverse are a bluish shade of discoloration. Under the glass it shows as a copper oxidation, as though it were an imperfect alloy. There is also a black sooty mineral in small patches (magnified). The remainder of the coin is normal and lettering clear. Only the central high points are imperfect; and a part of the outline (under the glass), white and clear. It appears to be an imperfect planchet. Is this probable? As such would it have a premium value? Would you estimate that premium?

—P. F., Utah

Answer:

The discolored Jefferson nickels are well known for many rolls have been found. While some ask a slight premium over regular ones for these, I do not believe personally they are worth it.

C. F., New York

Question:

Will you list those silver dollars which are in demand and/or of a rare nature? What of the market for circulated silver dollars? Most dealers list only uncirculated pieces. Can we anticipate a renewal of the minting of silver dollars? Will you kindly identify the coins pictured in the inclosed photos? Each has been enlarged about 1½ diameters. They appear to be of a copper composition and are about the thinness of a well worn dime. Do these coins have a demand on the market or a premium value? Thank you for this service to those of us who want to learn more of the coin collecting field.

—H. F. R., Alabama

Answer:

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Question:

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—Mrs. G. V. A., New York

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—C. O. K., California

Answer:

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The great majority of collectors, dealers, and individuals with an interest in mechanical banks naturally want to keep as well informed and up to date as possible. Generally speaking it is the writer's policy to keep all interested individuals as current as feasible with occasional interruptions of the regular classification articles. Now and then some information, particularly in complete form, is a little difficult to pass along due to certain restrictions placed on the writer. Confidences must be respected and there are occasional circumstances whereby a particular collector or dealer wants to remain anonymous due to reasons of his own. Ofttimes a dealer will not want his name connected with a certain bank since he must maintain friendly business relations with the general group of mechanical bank collectors. Since it is impossible to please them all, at any one time, with one bank, his only recourse is to remain anonymous with some degree of secrecy. This is particularly true in the case of the rarer banks or unusual finds that come up now and then.

A few more or less interesting new finds in mechanical banks have not been reported by the writer for some time due to circumstances beyond his control. However, at this time, with names eliminated, there is no reason not to inform interested parties on these banks. Under present conditions opinions, personal or otherwise, will not be expressed here with respect to desirability or other factors surrounding the banks involved. The writer has personally seen all banks under discussion.

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A mechanical bank that may have been known as the Barking Dog Bank is a rectangular box-like affair made of wood with tin sides. These tin sides are painted red and have round perforations. A rather large grotesque, angular wooden bull dog covered with brown color paper is on top of the box-like base. In operation, he is pulled into position to the end of the bank and a coin is placed at the proper location on the other end. A lever releases the dog and he springs toward the coin which drops inside the base. As this action

takes place the mechanism inside the base simulates a barking sound. This is created by means of a tin arrangement dragging over a spring. The spring is fastened to one end of the base which acts as a sounding board. Part of the original paper label is on the underside of the base, but unfortunately most of it is missing and we can only surmise that the original name was the Barking Dog Bank. It is apparently a late item, possibly made in the same period as the Wireless Pup, which is a toy employing the use of a similar type bull dog in its action. The Wireless Pup was patented in 1913 and 1914 and made during and somewhat beyond that period. The bank has a home-made look about it but the paper label would seem to establish its authenticity. This, to the best of the writer's knowledge, is a new find in a mechanical bank.

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A second type Guessing Bank has turned up and the action is the same as that of the conventional Guessing Bank which is the figure of a man sitting astride a chair. This second type has the figure of what looks like a Gay 90's woman standing beside a section containing a coin chute and dial with revolving pointer. A coin is dropped in the provided slot at the top of this section and the weight of the falling coin causes the pointer to spin on the dial. The dial is numbered and if the depositor guesses the number at which the pointer stops he is entitled to withdraw the amount of coins indicated. Otherwise the bank retains all coins. The name "Guessing Bank" appears on the front of the bank and it is made of a metal similar to that of the conventional Guessing Bank. This, to the best of the writer's knowledge, is another new find in a mechanical bank.

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Another generally unfamiliar bank is the Safe Deposit Bank, and this name couldn't be much more misleading. The bank is made of tin and consists of a rather large figure of an elephant on top of a rectangular shaped base. On each side of this base there is a paper label imprinted with the name "Safe Deposit Bank." The elephant is in a standing position with his trunk hanging down. To operate the bank a coin is placed in the curved tip of the trunk, and on

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On Collecting Coins

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Collecting United States coins is by far the most popular Numismatic hobby in America. Most collectors prefer to accumulate sets of dates of one or more denominations.

I think sets of dates of this kind, while interesting in the accumulative stage, can become monotonous. If one's pocket-book is not of unlimited range, they also can become impossible.

Nearly all series contain a few pieces so rare, they demand prohibitively high prices. If one does like our series, and most do, a type set will give one a fine representative collection of all the major varieties of United States coins and do away with the monotony of duplication one gets in a date set.

Here again we come upon the difficulty of securing all types as many of the early ones are rare. One drawback to this is the small number of pieces one needs to make up a type set.

Coin collectors' interest is actively maintained by their ability to add to their collection from time to time. I have known many collectors who have lost interest in their collections soon after a series completion.

There has been a large increase in interest in collecting Foreign coins, for many reasons. They can be acquired reasonably, as is the case with Foreign minor and copper coins.

There are literally thousands of Foreign varieties available, all of them very reasonably priced, many in beautiful condition. Variety of design is almost unlimited. Many challenge one's knowledge to determine their source of coinage.

Perhaps one of the most popular series in America is the collection of Foreign silver Crowns. They are beautiful, silver-dollar-sized coins from all parts of the world. They date from the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

While these are more costly than the minor pieces a very small proportion are of such high value as to be classed prohibitive to the average collector. As a generality I believe one could secure a very representative collection of Foreign silver Crowns from the 20th century for \$2.50 to \$5 each.

The 19th century silver Crowns cost from \$5 to \$7.50 each. The 18th century range from \$4 to \$10 each. From the 17th century their cost is \$4 to \$12.50 each. The 16th century silver Crowns run from \$4 to \$12.50

each, and the 15th century from \$7.50 to \$20 each.

Many collectors collect these by centuries alone, completing as near as desired each century before commencing the next. The advantage of such a collection is that no two coins will be alike, and each is an interesting piece by itself.

A series which has been greatly neglected in America until very recent years is that of Foreign silver coins of lower denomination than the dollar size. The half, quarter, and smaller sized coins of all centuries have not been sought.

Now that the search is on, a great many are finding that these are the harder to acquire. "Crowns" were the most prolific; plus the fact that what smaller denominations were about, received more use and are consequently in poorer condition.

One of the interesting series collected today for all denominations is that of the Spanish American coins. They were struck in Central and South America for use throughout the Western hemisphere. Those interesting pieces passed freely as current money here in the United States until 1857.

We can secure the 8 Real coins, both millar and bust type, fairly easy. But see what happens when one tries to secure the 4 Real or half dollar sized coins of the same series, or for that matter, the 2 Real 1 Real, and ½ Real coins in conditions not worn to pieces.

Regardless of date, to accumulate a type set of one from each ruler in extremely fine condition is most difficult. I have watched offerings of dealers specializing in such coins, watched Auction sales for several years, and am surprised how little shows up in this series. I doubt if I have seen 25 choice pieces offered in the last five years!

The English collectors have one of the most interesting series to collect. A collection of Crowns, one from each ruler since the first Edward VI, 1551, makes a most interesting set, although not cheap.

If one were to follow the custom of English coin collectors one would not collect dates, but rulers, most likely Crowns being first and then graduating down to the lesser denominations. England's longer history than ours gives English collectors a much larger variety of coins to collect.

Ten years ago, interest in Canadian coins was very little, but as the hobby grew in America, some of

it brushed off on our neighbors and now Canadian coin values closely resemble our own. Being date collectors we find many dates of great rarity which, a few years ago, could have been picked up for nearly face value, simply due to lack of demand.

Of course, if one desires to collect the cream of Foreign coins gold is the answer. There are many hundreds of varieties from all countries and all centuries.

One however should be prepared to spend from a minimum of \$10 on up to as high as you care to go for each gold specimen. While this may seem high it really is not, for a great many of these coins are still available at very little over actual gold value.

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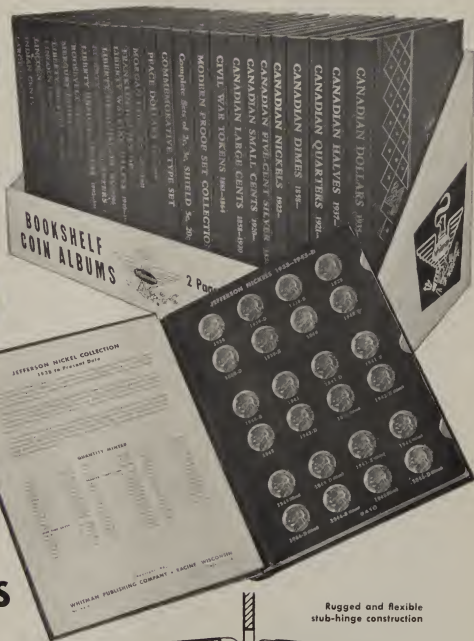
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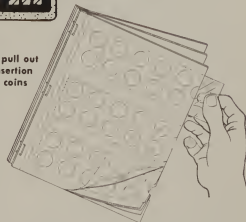
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Question:

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Answer:

Currently dealers are retailing Indian head cents such as you have at 3 for 50¢. At auction in 100 or more lots such cents bring around 10¢ each. You should be able to get around 5¢ each in quantities from dealers, anyway. Depends upon how bad they need them.

The dollars are a drag on the market, even in uncirculated condition they retail for very little premium.

The Liberty head nickels do better with Liberty sharp on the head-dress. Do not sell well unless they are fine.

As to the Japanese and Chinese coins. The oval shaped Oban retails for around 25¢ to 50¢ each but the other coins, unless they are attributed, which is quite a job, would not bring much. The Russian 5 kopek piece retails for 5¢.

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—Mrs. R. L. M., Ohio

Answer:

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Question:

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Answer:

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The bank pictured is in unusually fine original condition, and particularly so for a tin bank. As a matter of fact, the terminology "mint" could be used to describe it. The writer obtained the bank some years ago from Thomas Kelly, a country antique dealer near East Liverpool, Ohio. Mr. Kelly found the bank in the home of an elderly couple in the vicinity of Kingsville, Ohio. It was in the attic of the home in a box with miscellaneous dishes and toys and had been packed away for a considerable number of years. The writer well remembers obtaining the bank as it was under somewhat unusual circumstances as so often seems to be the case with mechanical banks. In any event, arrangements were made to meet on the highway approximately half way between East Liverpool and Pittsburgh in Imperial, Pa. Mr. Kelly was unknown to the writer, but regardless both parties arrived in Imperial at the same time, met, and started the business part of purchasing the bank right on the highway. Subsequently the transaction was completed in a local restaurant during lunch. It only goes to show one can never tell under what circumstances he is going to obtain a mechanical bank.

To the best of the writer's knowledge practically no background information is known to date concerning the Monkey & Parrot Bank. Sadly lacking is any proof of the manufacturer, date or period it was made,



or anything else for that matter, except it was made in Germany. This statement appears stamped in the back of the bank. Judging from the bank itself, it is the writer's opinion that it was made after 1900 and most likely in the area of 1910. Other than this we can surmise no further on any other points and can only hope that some form of factual information will turn up at a future date.

The paint on the bank shown is really nice and in bright, fine condition. The front and sides are yellow and the rounded top and back are red. The base and operating lever are black. The section fastened on the front of the bank which serves to guide the coin from the monkey to the parrot is painted red. The monkey is brown shaded with tan and he has large white eyes. The belt across his middle is red. The parrot has a large red beak, yellow body with red and blue feathers, and his wings and top knot are blue. His perch and feeding cup are a light red. All these colors combine to form a very attractive showy bank.

Just above the monkey's tail, impressed in the metal, appears the statement "Put Metal Here." To operate the bank a coin is placed as instructed. Then the lever shown

on the left in the picture is depressed. As the lever is pushed down the monkey also bends down and the coin slides along his back and comes to rest in his upraised hands. At the same time the parrot opens his beak very widely and his eyes convey the effect of movement. Upon releasing the lever a spring action snaps the monkey back to his position as shown. The coin flies through its guided path, up and into the parrot's beak. The parrot's beak closes to the position shown in the picture as the coin enters. As mentioned, the coin travels very fast and the action is good and accurate. Originally the parrot let out a squawking noise when he opened his beak. There is a bellows type squeak mechanism inside the bank but this has long since ceased to operate. The writer has left this noise producing mechanism "as is" since there is possibility of damaging the bank in trying to take it apart in order to repair the bellows. Also this isn't particularly important one way or the other under the circumstances.

The combination of the monkey and the parrot have a real appeal and they seem to fit together in some natural sort of way. It's a very clever bank with excellent action and makes a particularly desirable addition to a collection.

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Bill's vocation was as construction superintendent for Bethlehem Steel Company and his avocation was collecting mechanical banks. He had numerous friends in the antiques field and was an avid go-getter in the very competitive and specialized field of mechanical banks.

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A good many were coined in 1892 and still more in 1893. It was hoped the near 2,500,000 of both dates could be sold at one dollar each.

Many were sold, brought home by visitors, and kept for years as souvenirs of the Exposition. A great many, however, did not sell, and ultimately were placed in circulation at face value.

For many years it was not unusual to receive one of these, particularly the 1893 date, in one's pocket change. The Isabella quarters, struck in 1893, were in much smaller quantities and therefore were not a drug on the market, as the Columbian halves became for quite some time.

Even though these commemoratives were not met with great enthusiasm, the series had been started, as if by accident, and the idea of selling special coins at premiums to raise money for special events took hold.

In 1900 we had our first and only commemorative dollar, the Washington Lafayette. Up to this time no special denomination had been adopted for commemorative coins and they then began to appear in all kinds.

With the advent of the 1903 Louisiana Purchase commemorative gold dollars we have a series of gold dollars and quarter eagles. Even the 1915 Panama Pacific \$50 slugs appearing from time to time make up quite a series.

These were coined in very limited numbers and were issued more as historical souvenirs than coins designed to raise money. Even so at the time of issue trouble was encountered disposing of these coins at over face value.

It seems people resented having to pay a premium for a coin, no matter how interesting it was or how small an issue. Little did those buying know the great increase in value these pieces would come to.

Even in the late '20's, dealers would be more than pleased to get their capital investment out of the Panama Pacific \$50 pieces, and a small premium for their efforts. I

can remember the pair, both octagonal and round, being offered, uncirculated, for as little as \$125 for the pair! Twenty-five dollars over face value!

While there were approximately a thousand of these struck of each type, their original sale was difficult and nearly half of them were turned in to the mint to be melted up. This leaves a little over a thousand of both in existence today.

The Panama Pacific set the two fifty-dollar gold pieces, a gold quarter eagle, a gold dollar, and a fifty-cent piece, were the first great urge to encourage more of this interesting series.

This commemoration having adopted so many different denominations helped mold the future denomination to be used, the half-dollar. It seems both price and size were the most popular, so future commemorative coins soon exclusively were struck in this denomination.

In 1918 we find the Lincoln Centennial half-dollar. From 1920 on, one or more different commemoratives came out every year.

Difficulty was found selling all that were authorized of each issue, for while the series had enlisted many ardent followers there were not as many as the number of coins struck. A goodly amount were therefore available and consequently kept the values down for a long while.

As collectors were always told these commemoratives were limited issues and would become valuable, their lack of response was disappointing. In 1921 the idea first appeared of making varieties that would be rarer than the regular series.

We find the Missouri with and without star, and the Grant with and without star. This seems the first step toward trying to sell more coins to a limited number of buyers. The practice ultimately became so abused as to cause the Administration to frown upon the issuance of any more commemorative coins.

As time went by, many commemorative halves were issued, some by associations which only desired to dispose of enough to fill their needs for funds. Others, more enterprising, had the halves made for many years, from many mints, and with all kinds of minor varieties to create rarities.

The quantity issued hit its peak around 1935 and 1936. Interest at that time also hit a peak. Speculators and collectors were getting on the band wagon, buying them in quantities, making up sets, and carrying around graphs showing the fluctuations of price trends. It was nothing for the "boys" to deal in hundreds or thousands of one issue.

It sounded like Stock Market speculation at its wildest. Some rare issues skyrocketed from \$5 to \$50, or even \$75 within a week! Such rapid profits were unheard of in the numismatic world.

As can be expected, it couldn't last. The crash came. Overnight no one wanted to buy any commemora-

tives, and everyone was loaded with hundreds of one kind.

It took many years to get over this debacle and many years for holders of commemoratives to dispose of their hoards. This was accomplished finally. Then, with wide distribution of nearly all issues, the gradual and more secure rise in values began.

The sale of new issues after 1936 became very difficult, and the government would not approve any new issues. For many years the only ones struck were those under authorization from previous years such as the Boone, Oregon Trail, Texas, and Arkansas issues.

Very few were struck each year because of the sharply reduced demand and the repetition of designs. Collectors were disgusted with the "rackets" as they called them.

Some hope was raised with the issue of the 1946 Iowa Centennial for this was a new, single, and interesting one. However, it was quickly followed by the mass of varieties of the Booker T. Washington, and Washington-Carver series, the last of which, with 30 different varieties, ended in 1954.

At present the Administration, particularly through the advice of the mint, frowns upon commemorative issues. The exploitation of many of the series has caused a good deal of discontent.

The feeling is that the mint is too busy to issue these special coins, and that commemoratives tend to confuse the coinage of the country, creating too many designs. Also that commemoratives should be issued in the form of medals.

Medals, however, have never reached the popularity among collectors that coins have for the collector likes to feel his collection is of basic intrinsic value, no matter how little. This is evidenced by the number of medals versus proof sets issued by the mint.

It is too bad the situation has developed to such an impasse. I feel a series of commemorative coins is educational, interesting, and can, within reason, be a profitable investment.

The fault lies in the manner of distribution. I feel we should restrict the issue of commemorative coins to one of importance per year; have them issued by the mint direct and in PROOF condition as it issues proof sets; issue as many as it has orders for; and charge a premium.

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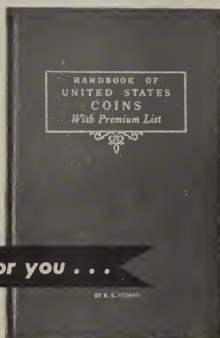
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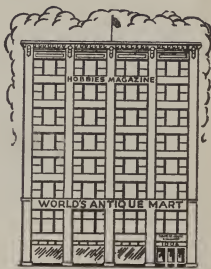
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Old Mechanical Banks

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Pistol Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



A toy pistol that could be said to have double barrel interest is our choice as No. 99 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This clever dual purpose toy is not only an interesting, unusual action mechanical bank, but it could also be played with as a toy pistol. Thus, it has double interest, not only to collectors of mechanical banks, but also to collectors of toy pistols as well. Another point in its favor is the fact that it is one of the few mechanical banks that represent an object. The limited number of banks that fit into this category were dealt with in the article on the Safety Locomotive Bank (HOBBIES, September, 1960). The Safety Locomotive and the Pistol Bank also have another point in common since both banks require dimes in their operation in order to work properly.

The Pistol Bank was patented by James Hall Bevington of Chicago, Ill., September 21, 1909. He assigned his patent to Edward N. Heller, also of Chicago, doing business under the name of Richard Elliott Company. The patent papers covering the bank are very detailed and lengthy covering over five pages of written description and another sheet with 14 figure drawings. The Pistol as manufactured by the Richard Elliott Company is practically identical to the patent papers with the exception of a bell which was intended to ring when the trigger was pulled. The bell was to have been contained inside the cylinder section of the Pistol, but for some reason, perhaps due to manufacturing difficulties, this was omitted in the actual production of the bank.

It also bears mention that the patent papers always refer to the bank as a toy pistol or coin receiving toy pistol. On occasion some collectors in past years have referred to the bank as the Revolver Bank, however, logically, since the patent papers are so explicit and since it is a toy pistol, it would be best to standardize on the name Pistol Bank.

The bank shown is in fine original condition and was obtained by the writer some years ago from an Ohio antique dealer. It is made of cast iron with a nickel plate finish. The fact it is cast iron is brought out since at a later date during the period of the manufacture of the bank it was also made in a sheet iron stamping with a nickel plate finish. Both types operate the same and so on, however, the one made in cast iron is more desirable.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

Minors as coin collectors have increased greatly. Many are doing business through the mails, both selling and purchasing coins of considerable value. Some have set themselves up as dealers. A clear picture should be presented regarding this subject so all can understand what is involved.

Before entering into any contracts of purchase or sale with minors one should check ones own state laws and statutes regarding this subject, for while all have similar laws, there is some variance.

The majority of states rule that a minor reaches majority at the age of 21 years. The general rule, with certain exceptions, states that contracts entered into by minors during their years of minority are not void but are voidable at the option of the minor, both during the period of his minority and for a reasonable time after attaining his majority.

A minor has the right to buy and sell, and the transactions are legal until it is avoided by his disaffirmance.

When entering a contract, he has two courses open to him. First, he can abide by all the terms and conditions of that contract. And second, he may disaffirm the contract, thereby voiding it.

In regard to the first proposition, most jurisdictions hold that a minor has no right to ratify his contract while a minor, for the reason that such ratification could be avoided in the same manner as his original contract. Therefore ratification of his contract must take place after he arrives at his majority.

Upon reaching majority, he may ratify his contract by written instrument, by retention of the consideration or benefits of the contract, by his disposal of the consideration, or by failure to disaffirm within a reasonable time after reaching majority.

Many states have defined the reasonable time as being the statutory

period of limitations for the bringing of any action upon such a contract. Many states have also held that a minor, after attaining majority, cannot ratify in part and disaffirm in part, but must do one or the other for the entire contract.

The second proposition, that of the minor's disaffirmance and avoidance of the contract, is of more importance to any business man. Generally a minor may disaffirm his contract regardless of his motive or the other party's good faith. But courts have held that the privilege of disaffirmance should not serve as an instrument of oppression and must be governed by equitable principles.

A minor may also disaffirm either during his minority or for a reasonable time after reaching his majority.

In regard to the disaffirmance after attaining his majority, the same length of time exists as for ratification. If the minor disaffirms his contract, courts have held that, if he still has the consideration, he should under equitable principles, return same.

However, it is not a condition precedent to avoidance that he place the other party in the Status Quo. If he has lost or wasted the consideration, or for any reason does not have it in his possession, or has not disposed of it for a valuable consideration, or fraudulently, he may recover from the other party.

This may seem to be a very harsh rule. However, it prevails generally throughout the United States and places a shield around the minor for his protection, and sometimes to the detriment of all parties dealing with the minor.

Therefore, a minor, on disaffirming his contract, is ordinarily entitled to recover what he parted with or its value, and upon disaffirmance he is not absolutely required to return the consideration received by him unless it is still in his possession.

Most states have not laid down a hard and fast rule as to how a minor must disaffirm or avoid his contracts. However, policy would seemingly dictate that it be written, evidencing his intention to disaffirm, and demanding the return of his consideration coupled with the tender back if the consideration is still in his possession.

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It is therefore evident that when dealing with minors, the transaction should be done either through his guardian or parent, or with direct guardian or parental consent to the transaction, throwing the burden of the transaction upon one who has attained majority.

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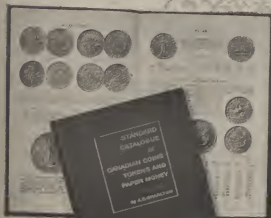
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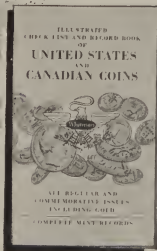
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